

A full-page background image showing a mountain biker in a purple and black jersey riding a trail through a forest. The trail is dirt and rocky, surrounded by green trees and shrubs. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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LEADVILLE
TRAIL100MTB

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2026
ELITE FIELD TECH GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In 1994, 150 gutsy riders braved 100 miles of high-altitude, extreme Rocky Mountain terrain — starting at 10,152 feet, climbing to 12,424 feet and pedaling into global cycling history. Today, Leadville Trail 100 MTB presented by Kenetik is one of the most prestigious endurance cross-country MTB events in the world. Every year, a select handful of gritty and determined cyclists make the pilgrimage to Cloud City to Race Across the Sky and take their shot at etching their name among the Leadville Legendary. The red carpet awaits.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

- **1:30 pm - 5:00 pm** Media Day for *select athletes*
- **Location:** [115 W 6th St, Suite 204, Leadville, CO 80461](#). Follow signs.
- Wear sponsor correct kit and bring helmet
- **1:00 pm – 7:00 pm** Packet Pickup / Expo
- **Location:** [135 E 6th Street](#)
- Photo ID is required. Packets must be picked up in person. Packets will not be mailed or given to others
- **3:00 pm - 3:30 pm** LTGP Athlete Autograph Session @ [Expo Stage](#)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

- **10:00 am** Mandatory Athlete Meeting
- **Location:** [Lake County High School Football field](#)
- **11:00 am – 5:00 pm** Drop Bag Dropoff
- **Location:** [316 Harrison Ave](#)
- Only clear plastic bags are allowed – please bring your own bags. Clearly label bags with your name, race number and which aid station it’s going to in large letters
- **Drop Bag pickup times:**
- 5:00pm – 9:00pm Saturday
- 10:00am – 5:00pm Sunday
- **1:00 pm – 7:00 pm** Packet Pickup / Expo
- **Location:** [135 E 6th Street](#)
- Photo ID is required. Packets must be picked up in person. Packets will not be mailed or given to others
- **1:00 pm - 1:30 pm** LTGP Athlete Panel for *select athletes* @ [Expo Stage](#)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

- **4:00 am** Elite Tracker Pick-up Opens
- **5:00 am - 6:15 am** Corrals open for Staging @ [Corner of 6th and Harrison St](#)
- **5:50am** Call ups for Elite Men @ [Corner of 6th and Harrison St](#)
- **6:00 am** Elite Men Start @ [Corner of 6th and Harrison St](#)
- **6:05 am** Call ups for Elite Women @ [Corner of 6th and Harrison St](#)
- **6:10 am** Elite Women Start @ [Corner of 6th and Harrison St](#)
- **4:00 pm** Elite & LTGP Men’s Podiums @ [Corner of 6th and Harrison St](#)
- **Note: A quick podium ceremony for top 5 overall on the day will be held within the finish line Media Mix zone for the broadcast. This will happen immediately following the top 3 athlete’s broadcast interviews. This does not replace the 4:00 awards ceremony.**

IF A LTGP ATHLETE HAS A CONFLICT WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE SCHEDULE, THEY SHOULD LET BEKAH SANDS KNOW IN ADVANCE (858) 761-2080

COURSE

The full 2026 Life Time Leadville Trail 100 MTB presented by Kenetik on our website:
<https://www.leadvilleraceseries.com/mtb/leadvilletrail100mtb/>

START LIST

The 2026 Life Time Leadville Trail 100 MTB presented by Kenetik elite start list is linked below. Please review to ensure your race category and country are correctly listed.

[LEADVILLE 100 MTB 2026 Elite Start List](#)

SUPPORT

The route will feature **TWO** official **ELITE ONLY FEED ZONE** locations (passing each location twice). These are the only locations Elites may receive outside support from their crew.

- At these Elite Feed Zone locations, athletes may receive:
 - Crew support (hydration, nutrition, equipment, tech support)
 - Limited Neutral Aid (Water, Neversecond energy gel and high-carbohydrate beverage mix, Skratch Labs hydration, bars and chew.
 - Access drop bags (for athletes without crew, cannot include wheels or large equipment)

In addition, the event will provide **TWO** neutral **AID STATIONS**.

- **NOTE:** support crews are NOT allowed at **AID STATIONS**. Aid stations will offer: Water, Neversecond energy gel and high-carbohydrate beverage mix, Skratch Labs hydration, bars and chews, and assorted foods including bananas, figs, pretzels, chips, coke products, etc.

Finally, **NEUTRAL TECH SUPPORT** will be at the following locations on course.

- Mile 20 & 82 provided by Orange Seal
- [LOCATION](#)
- Mile 25.6 & 73.7 at Pipeline provided by Shimano
- [LOCATION](#)
- Mile 41.5 & 58.5 at Lost Canyon provided by Cycles of Life
- [LOCATION](#)

SUPPORT CONT.

SUPPORT LOCATIONS

- **Neutral Aid #1:** MILE 10.6 – Carter Summit Outbound
- **Feed Zone #1:** MILE 25.6 – Pipeline Outbound*
- **Feed Zone #2:** MILE 41.5 - Lost Canyon Outbound*
- **Neutral Aid #2:** MILE 50.0 – Columbine Mine Summit Turnaround
- **Feed Zone #3:** MILE 58.5 - Lost Canyon Inbound*
- **Feed Zone #4:** MILE 73.7 - Pipeline Inbound*
- **Neutral Aid #3:** MILE 88.8 – Carter Summit Inbound

** Denotes **NEUTRAL TECH SUPPORT** available*

ELITE CATEGORY ATHLETES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO FEED AT AGE GROUP ONLY AID STATIONS AT TWIN LAKES DAM AND OUTWARD BOUND



SUPPORT CONT.

FEED ZONES

New in 2026, all FEEDING IN FEED ZONES MUST BE ON RIDER’S RIGHT.
SEE FEED ZONE GUIDELINES ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE INFO.

- **Feed Zone #1** | MILE 25.6 – Pipeline Outbound
 - [GPS Location](#)
 - Separate locations for Pro/Elite and Age Cat groups
 - No crew or parking limits at this aid station! Bring all the support you need!
 - Pipeline Setup Information: Saturday, August 15th beginning at 5:00am
 - Neutral Tech Support: Shimano
- **Feed Zone #2** | MILE 41.5 - Lost Canyon Outbound
 - [GPS Location](#)
 - Athletes/Crews will receive:
 - 1 parking pass
 - 4 color-coded crew wristbands
 - Wristbands not required for kids 10 & under.
 - Lost Canyon Setup Information: Saturday, August 15th beginning at 6:00am
 - Neutral Tech Support: Cycles of Life
- **Feed Zone 3** | MILE 58.5 - Lost Canyon Inbound
 - [GPS Location](#)
 - Athletes/Crews will receive:
 - 1 parking pass
 - 4 color-coded crew wristbands
 - Wristbands not required for kids 10 & under.
 - Lost Canyon Setup Information: Saturday, August 15th beginning at 6:00am
 - Neutral Tech Support: Cycles of Life
- **Feed Zone 4** | MILE 73.7 - Pipeline Inbound
 - [GPS Location](#)
 - Separate locations for Pro/Elite and Age Cat groups
 - No crew or parking limits at this aid station! Bring all the support you need!
 - Pipeline Alternate Setup Information:
 - Saturday, August 15th beginning at 5:00am

SUPPORT CONT.

FEED ZONE GUIDELINES

- The **ELITE FEED ZONES** will be separated from the age group crewing areas with clear boundaries
- Assistance outside the feed zones between fellow competitors is allowed during the race.
- **Mechanical Support** is allowed within the **Elite Feed Zone Locations ONLY** (with the exception of Orange Seal’s neutral mechanical support at mile 20/82).
- Riders can change wheels or make any other necessary fixes during the race within the Feed Zones, but must finish the race with the **same bike frame and fork they started with.**
- Feeding in **Feed Zones will be on the rider’s right.**
 - This means crews must move to the opposite side for inbound feeds
 - Where possible: designated Pit Zones on one side w/ tent space/parking on other
 - Media will have a designated area within the Elite Feed Zone
- **NOTE: crewing outside of these locations is against official race rules and will result in disqualification of your rider.**
- **CREW MUST BE STATIONARY IN ORDER TO FEED OR PROVIDE ANY SERVICE TO ANY ATHLETE.** You are not allowed to be on a moving object of any kind to travel alongside the athlete. (No bike, No one wheel, No scooter, No roller-skates etc)

PARKING:

- [PIPELINE PARKING](#)
- [LOST CANYON PARKING](#)
- Parking pass required to access the Elite Feed Zones and provided to athletes at packet pick-up.
- Attendants – will assist you with parking
- Park only in designated area
- Do not disturb wildlife or vegetation



SUPPORT CONT.

FEED ZONE MAPS

PIPELINE - ELITE CREW AREA

MAP KEY

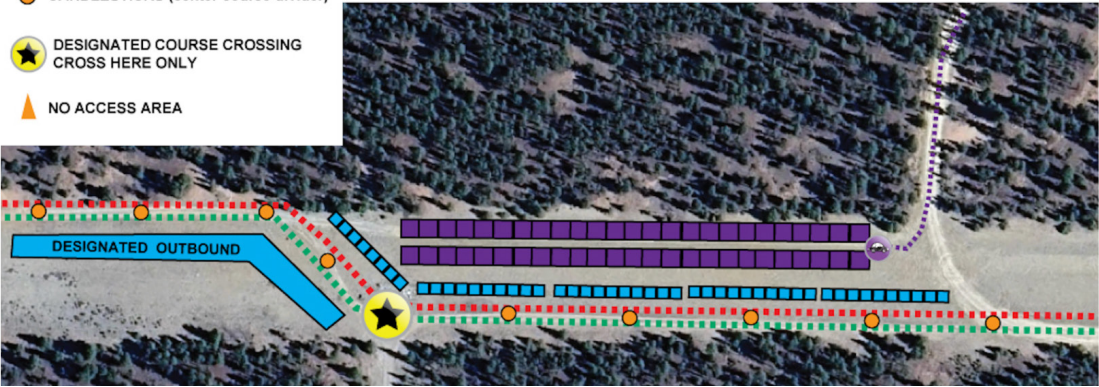
- BIKE COURSE - OUTBOUND
- BIKE COURSE - INBOUND
- ELITE CREW PARKING
- PARKING ENTRANCE/EXIT
- ELITE DESIGNATED PIT AREAS
- CANDLESTICKS (center course divider)
- DESIGNATED COURSE CROSSING CROSS HERE ONLY
- NO ACCESS AREA
- DRIVE ROUTE

FRIDAY: No Crew Access til 12pm
FRIDAY: Drop-Off Only
SATURDAY: 6am Crews can setup

ELITE CREW AREA - DROP-OFF TIME

FRIDAY (12pm - 300pm)

- ELITE DESIGNATED PIT AREAS
- ELITE CREW PARKING



LOST CANYON - ELITE CREW AREA

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RULES - LEADVILLE TRAIL 100 MTB

YOU ARE SUBJECT TO ALL OFFICIAL EVENT RULES AT ALL TIMES

- Enforcement and Penalties:**
 - Race rules are in place to ensure a safe and fair experience for everyone involved.
 - The Race Director/Race Officials have ultimate authority to change, void, or amend rules as need-ed in unforeseen or extenuating circumstances.
 - All event participants, their crews, and spectators are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by all rules on this page, as well as following any guidance or direction given by the Race Officials.
 - Disregard or violation of any rules by a participant, their crew, or their spectators may result in dis-qualification at the discretion of the Race Director and Race Officials.
 - If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact us at leadville@ltevents.zendesk.com
- Be a Good Human**
 - Leave No Trace
 - No garbage, clothing, or race-related items may be left on course.
 - No Public Urination
 - No Profanity
 - Support Everyone
 - In a world where you can be anything — be kind.
- Safety and Medical Regulations**
 - All participants must provide a working emergency contact number that is not their own.
 - International participants must provide a working WhatsApp or equivalent international number.
 - Courses remain open to the public. Participants must stay alert and follow directions from race offi-cials, medical personnel, law enforcement, or local authorities.
 - Participants in need of medical assistance should seek help at the nearest aid station. In emergencies, dial 911.
 - The use of IV fluids during the race is prohibited and results in immediate disqualification.
 - In case of weather or other emergencies, participants must follow instructions provided by race officials.
- Support Crews and Outside Support**
 - Support crews, friends, and family members are only allowed at official crewing locations on the course.
 - Support offered outside of official crew checkpoints will result in disqualification.
 - Each event has specific crewing guidelines and approved crewing locations. Refer to each event page for detailed information.
 - Registered racers on the course can provide mechanical support, navigation assistance, or any other help to fellow athletes.
 - Athletes may receive “neutral” support at stationary locations accessible to all participants.

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- **Course Integrity**
 - The official race course must be followed at all times. Shortcuts or alternate routes are not permitted.
 - Athletes are responsible for safely navigating the course.
 - All Leadville Race Series courses are clearly marked, but we recommend using GPS devices as a backup.
 - GPS files are available on each event page for navigation assistance.
- **Packet Pick-up**
 - All participants must register by the designated deadline.
 - Riders must sign a waiver and agree to event terms and conditions.
 - All athletes must check-in and pick up their race packet in order to participate.
 - Event packets will be given out to registered athletes only.
 - A government-issued photo ID will be required for sign-in.
 - Participants under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian's consent, and the guardian must be present at check-in.
 - Age limits vary by event—check event details.
- **Timing and Results**
 - Athletes must pass over the timing mats at each official checkpoint.
 - Cut-off times will be established at each checkpoint for rider safety. If you reach a checkpoint after the cut-off time, your time will not be scored, and you will no longer be an official participant.
 - Please see individual event pages for course cutoff times.
 - Do not bend or wrap race plates — they must be mounted/worn properly, clearly visible and intact for safety and timing.
 - Time penalties or disqualifications will be issued for rule violations.
 - Age group, gender, and overall results will be based on official event classifications (may vary by event).
 - DNFs must be reported to timing officials.
- **Protests and Appeals**
 - Any protest or challenges to event results must come from a registered participant, must be made either in-person, or via email/phone. Contact for appeals: Bekah Sands: **858-761-2080** rsands@lt.life and/or Tamira Jenlink: TJenlink@lt.life **303-990-2559**. Elite protests must be at least 30 minutes before Awards at 4:00 pm on Race Day. The event director and panel of officials will determine the outcome, and that decision is final.
- **Environmental Stewardship**
 - Respect all local laws and private property. If the event accesses private land, riders must stay on course and may not pre-ride restricted sections.
 - Follow guidance provided for environmentally sensitive areas.

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- **Rider Conduct**
 - Respect fellow participants, event staff, volunteers and members of the local communities that you will pass through. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language or behavior, is grounds for disqualification.
 - Littering on course is strictly prohibited. This includes urinating in public regardless of circumstance. All trash must be carried to the next available receptacle. The event organizers will provide necessary receptacles at any aid stations provided by the event.
- **Event Cancellation or Modification**
 - Cancellation/Modifications: Life Time reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or alter the event due to weather, safety concerns, or other unforeseen circumstances.
 - Refund Policy: Refunds and deferrals will follow the event's published policy.
 - Lottery/Sellout Events: Some high-demand races may have unique deferral or refund options—see the event page for details.
- **Media Rules**
 - Media/Camera Crews must attend the mandatory media meeting.
 - They must abide by all rules on this page, as well as the additional media rules:
 - [100 MTB Media Info](#)
- **Equipment**
 - **Bicycles**
 - Consist of a frame mounted on two wheels, one behind the other.
 - Mountain bikes are allowed and must be in safe working condition.
 - Have a seat and have handlebars for steering.
 - Be propelled solely by the operator via two pedals connected to the rear wheel by a chain or belt.
 - Have two hand-operated brakes (fixed gear and coaster brake bikes are not exempt from this rule).
 - Singlespeed riders must utilize the same gearing for the duration of the race.
 - All athletes must finish the event on the same frame and fork that the athlete started the event on.
 - Wheels and other equipment may be changed at designated checkpoints but the frame and fork must stay the same.
 - Athletes may assist each other on course with parts.
 - **No e-bikes of any sort are allowed**
 - Check individual event rules for additional bike eligibility.
 - Riders must finish on the same frame and fork they started on.
 - If you're riding in the singlespeed category, you must maintain the same gearing for the entire race.
 - **No Drop bars allowed.**
 - **Togs and Aerobars**
 - Aerobars or clip-on inner bars are not allowed at Leadville Race Series MTB events.
 - Traditional bar ends outside the grips are allowed.
 - Togs are allowed but must be 2 inches or less in length.

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- **Equipment CONT.**
- **Mandatory Gear**
- A properly secured helmet is required at all times while riding.
- Rear lights are recommended and may be required at some events.
- Front lights are recommended and may be required at certain events.
- **Recommended Gear**
- GPS device for navigation (courses may not be marked)
- Spare tubes, tire plugs, tools
- Hydration and nutrition sufficient for the full course
- Aid stations may not have all needed items — come prepared to self-support
- **Course Rules**
- Riders must stay on the designated course unless instructed otherwise by event staff.
- Riders must follow all local and state bicycle safety laws:
- Ride as far right as safely possible.
- Stop fully at stop signs unless otherwise permitted by law.
- Courses are open to traffic — obey all traffic laws and ride safely.
- Shortcuts or course deviations will result in disqualification. Riders who exit the course must re-enter at the same location.
- Yield to emergency vehicles and follow all instructions from course marshals and officials.
- Drafting behind vehicles is strictly prohibited.
- **Start Procedures**
- Corral Assignment: If the event uses an assigned start corral, participants must start in the corral designated on their race plate. Early or incorrect starts may result in disqualification.
- Late arrivals must start in the final corral.
- Races will begin with a horn or rolling wave starts. Follow the instructions of start line personnel.
- **Support**
- Riders must be self-supported unless neutral aid is provided.
- Outside assistance is only allowed at designated aid stations or checkpoints.
- Riders must carry equipment to address mechanical issues.
- Riders may assist other participants but only if both are competing in the event.

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- **Safety**
- Ride at a speed appropriate for your skill level and course conditions.
- Stop and assist riders in distress, and report issues to the nearest event official.
- Headphone Policy
- No over-ear or in-ear headphones or audio devices are allowed; only bone-conducting headphones may be used, riders must maintain full awareness of their surroundings, and event officials may require their removal at any time for safety. The primary objective of this rule is to ensure all participants can hear ambient sounds (traffic, whistles, marshals, other competitors). If volume levels on bone-conducting devices are set so high that the rider becomes unresponsive to their environment, race officials reserve the right to disqualify the competitor.
- Riders must remain aware of their surroundings at all times.
- Event officials may require removal of devices for safety reasons
- **Elite Category (Additional Rules)**
- Athletes must select the elite category at the time of race registration.
- Life Time reserves the right to change a rider's designation to their appropriate age group division before the race date, consulting the rider beforehand.
- Athletes racing in the pro/elite category will not be eligible for age group podiums.
- All Pro/Elite riders are subject to random drug testing by USADA

BY PARTICIPATING IN ANY LIFE TIME SERIES EVENT, RIDERS ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THESE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.



DRAFTING

LIFE TIME GRAND PRIX DRAFTING POLICY

Off-road racing is built on a culture of respect, inclusivity and fairness. Riders of all ages, abilities, genders and categories are welcomed and encouraged to compete with integrity while paving the way for the future of this sport. This policy is designed to enhance and protect the competitive experience for all Elite athletes without undermining the inclusive atmosphere of off-road racing.

INTENT

The intent of this policy is to ensure fair competition for all Elite riders by mitigating any advantage gained from drafting off riders in a different category during all Life Time Grand Prix Events.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RULES

These rules (the “Rules”) apply to all events that make up the events in Life Time Grand Prix. These events can change each year. The 2026 events are:

- Life Time Sea Otter Gravel: April 16, 2026
- Life Time UNBOUND Gravel 200: May 30, 2026
- Life Time Leadville MTB 100: August 15, 2026
- Life Time Chequamegon MTB Festival: September 19, 2026
- Life Time Little Sugar MTB: October 11, 2026
- Life Time Big Sugar Gravel: October 17, 2026

A. APPLICABILITY, INTERPRETATION OF THE RULE, DEFINED TERMS

- **Applicability.** Where indicated herein, certain Rules are applicable at events listed above, and certain Rules are applicable only to Elite Riders.
- **Non-Compliance.** Failure to comply with any of the Rules will result in a penalty. Penalty is outlined in section E.
- **Interpretation of Rules.** The interpretation of any Rule will be made by the Race Officials and will be final and binding on all Riders.

Defined terms:

- **Draft Zone:** The Draft zone is defined by 2 bike lengths (15 feet) behind and 3ft to the left and right of any cyclists.
- **Drafting:** A Rider spending more than 20 seconds in Draft Zone.
- **Marshals:** Any person(s) appointed by Life Time to monitor and/or and issue penalties.
- **Relegated:** Riders determined to have been in violation of this policy will be relegated to last place in the Elite results for that individual event, as well as the Life Time Grand Prix scoring for that individual event.
- **Race Category:** The classification under which a rider is registered and/or starts the event.
 - Examples:**
 - Elite Men Rider:** Any athlete starting in the Men’s Elite Start will be categorized as an Elite Men’s Rider.
 - Elite Women Rider:** Any athlete starting in the Women’s Elite Start will be categorized as an Elite Women Rider.
 - Amateur Rider:** Any rider starting in any corrals other than the Elite Men’s and Elite Women’s corrals are categorized as Amateur Rider and are not eligible for overall podiums or prize money. There may be several Race Categories within the Amateur field (Age groups, Single Speed, Male, Female, etc.).

DRAFTING CONT.

B. GENERAL NO DRAFTING RULE

- Drafting off riders in a different race category is strictly prohibited. For clarity, Elite Women may not draft off any Elite Men or any Amateur Rider, and Elite Men may not draft off any Elite Women or any Amateur Rider athlete. Amateur Riders may draft off any other Amateur Rider, regardless of that Amateur Rider’s category (Age Group, Single Speed, Male, Female, etc.)
 - Examples:**
 - Elite Women are only allowed to draft off other Elite Women, but not allowed to draft off an athlete in any other race category (i.e. Elite Men or Amateur Riders).
 - Elite Men are only allowed to draft off other Elite Men, but not allowed to draft off an athlete in any other race category (i.e. Elite Women or Amateur Riders).

C. POLICY PROVISIONS

- **Separate Starts**
 - Elite Men and Elite Women riders will have separate starts. Start intervals will be sufficient to minimize interaction between categories.
 - Example:**
 - Leadville Trail 100 MTB, Elite Men will start at 6:00am and Elite Women will start at 6:10am, providing a 10 min starting separation.
- **Rider identification**
 - Elite riders in each category will be given clearly identifiable race bibs, plates and/or other identifying equipment to distinguish them by category as it applies to the specific event and distance. Riders are required to wear the provided equipment in a manner determined by Life Time. Course marshals and race officials will use these identifiers to monitor compliance on the course.
- **Rider Accountability**
 - It is the responsibility of each Elite rider to avoid drafting off riders in a different race category. Life Time will provide a copy of this policy to be signed by each rider within the Elite and Life Time Grand Prix fields acknowledging their understanding of the policy and by Initialing they are agreeing to adhere to the policy as stated.

D. ENFORCEMENT, NOTIFICATION, REVIEW

- **Course Monitoring**
 - Neutral moto race marshals, course marshals and Life Time provided staff and official representatives will patrol the course to monitor drafting violations. This may be, but is not limited to, moto, drone, live camera feed, helicopter and any other verifiable modes of observation. **Rider input as verifiable evidence to determine the validity of a violation will NOT be accepted.** Riders in violation of the drafting rule will be flagged to the Event Director as soon as logistically reasonable. Logical concessions will be made by officials for course sections where passing is not possible. For example, single track sections, climbs and areas of congestion.

DRAFTING CONT.

D CONT. ENFORCEMENT, NOTIFICATION, REVIEW

- **Notification process**
Riders will be notified of any pending relegation by the Event Director via text and/or email to the athlete’s contact information provided at registration. It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that Life Time has the correct contact information.
- **Post Race Review/Appeal**
Officials and staff will review footage, reports and marshal observations immediately following the finish of the race to determine penalty assessment prior to results being deemed official, while giving ample time for any rider to field an appeal of the violation.
Athletes will have 30 minutes from the declaration of a violation to submit an official appeal to the Event Director via the Series Manager. Once results have been deemed official by the Event Director, no further appeals will be accepted from any rider.

Contact for appeals: Bekah Sands: rsands@lt.life - 858-761-2080

E. PENALTY

- Riders determined to have been in violation of this policy will be Relegated to last place in the Elite results for that individual event, as well as the Life Time Grand Prix scoring for that individual event.

Life Time reserves the right to amend this policy at any time, at its sole discretion.



RACE PLATES FRONT OR REAR

- If the event is utilizing front “Race Plates” they **MUST** be affixed to the **front of the handlebars** and clearly visible.
- “Race Plates” (front or rear) **MUST NOT** be bent, folded, cut, wrapped around the head tube, seat post or in any other position other than flat against the handlebars or as designed rear facing off the seat post.
- Improper attachment of the race plate will cause timing chips not to register and may be cause for disqualification.
- **Seatpost plates** must be mounted off the back of the seatpost and be clearly visible to surrounding riders and officials.
- **Tyvek body bibs** must be affixed to the **rider’s right side** in a clearly visible manner. They may not be placed under a water bladder etc. Numbers are utilized for identification for media, safety and by other athletes in order to adhere to drafting policies. **For Leadville MTB 100 the tyvek body bibs will need to be affixed to the riders right side.**



FRONT PLATE



BACK BIBS

TRACKERS

As part of our continued commitment to athlete safety, event integrity, and expanding race-day excitement, we have introduced live GPS tracking for all elite athletes this year at Life Time Grand Prix events. We’ve partnered with Adventure Enabled Tracking to equip each elite athlete with an individual GPS tracker. These trackers are mandatory and must be worn for the entire race.

Key Details:

- **All Elite Athletes must have a tracker to enter the Elite starting corral. No tracker, no Elite starting corral.**
- **Pick- Up Location:** Start line
- **Pick-up Time:** Starting at **4:00 am** on Race Morning. Please pick up before you start warming up to ensure tracker is in a secure location and to minimize long lines right before the start.
- **Wearing the Tracker:**
 - Do not put in the bottom of a hydration pack or top tube bag.
 - Do not remove from plastic packaging
 - Jersey pockets are a great location, but be careful not to throw it out with trash.
 - Tracker can be attached to bike. Zip ties and electrical tape will be available onsite.
- **Return:** Trackers must be returned at the finish line.
- If not returned athletes could incur a \$100 fee for replacement

This technology will not only enhance real-time safety monitoring — it will also power live tracking for fans, friends, and family onsite and around the world, delivering a whole new level of race-day engagement. Sponsors and media partners will also benefit from this expanded visibility.



STARTING PROCEDURE CONT.

START AREA

The start line for Leadville Trail 100 MTB is located on 6th and Harrison in downtown Leadville. There will be a fenced corral for elite riders with entrance from the parking lot of 115 W 6th St. Only riders with elite bike plates with their tracker will be permitted to enter the elite corral.

No rollers or stationary trainers are allowed within the Elite start corral.

ELITE FIELDS

Elite Men will include all athletes that have been vetted by Life Time. This field will include:

- Elite Men
- Life Time Grand Prix Men
- Life Time Grand Prix U23 Men

Elite Women will include all athletes that have been vetted by Life Time. This field will include:

- Elite Women
- Life Time Grand Prix Women
- Life Time Grand Prix U23 Women

Elite men and Elite women will have a separate start, like all LTGP events.

Please see below for start line times:

- **4:00 AM – Tracker Pick-up Opens**
- **5:00 AM – Elite Corral Opens Begins**
- **5:50 AM – Men’s Call Ups Begin**
- **6:00 AM – Elite Men’s Start**
- **6:55 AM – Women’s Call Ups begin**
- **6:10 AM – Elite Women’s Start**
- **6:30 AM – Age Group Corrals Start**

MEDIA MIX ZONE

- All Life Time Grand Prix Athletes and anyone who finish within the top 10 overall will be routed to the Media Mix Zone for finish line interviews. This provides a safer finish line and a better finish line experience for athletes and the media. Finish Line Amenities will include, at a minimum:
 - Refreshments
 - Chairs
 - Towels
 - And more

STARTING PROCEDURE CONT.

MEDIA AND SUPPORT CREWS ON THE START LINE

Media and support crew members will be allowed in FRONT of the race start line until after the Call Ups, not in the corral with the riders. Following Call Ups, all media and support crew members will be asked to vacate the start area immediately. Please communicate to your support crew and management that they will not be permitted to be in the start chute following the conclusion of Call Ups as this may impede the start of the race.

If you are bringing a member of the media or film crew, they must have a media credential to access the start and finish line. They must also attend the media meeting at 1:00 PM on Friday, 5/29, at the Emporia Arts Council.

More info here: <https://www.unboundgravel.com/media/>

LIFE TIME UNBOUND GRAVEL CALL UPS

The top-5 riders in the Life Time Grand Prix overall standings will be called up along with the top-5 finishers from the 2025 edition of the event. Riders will be notified ahead of time noting the location and time call ups will occur. Life Time reserves the right to add discretionary Call Ups from renowned riders (such as World Championship Medalists and Olympic medalists). All remaining LTGP riders will stage in the elite corral in no particular order. Call-ups will occur in this order:

MEN (in order of call-up):

- Cobe Freeburn (Currently 5th in LTGP)
- Brendan Johnston (Currently 4th in LTGP)
- Alexey Vermeulen (Currently 3rd in LTGP)
- Matt Beers (Currently 1st in LTGP)
- Payson McElveen (5th at Leadville 100 MTB in 2025)
- Torbjorn Andre Roed (4th at Leadville 100 MTB in 2025)
- Simon Pellaud (3rd at Leadville 100 MTB in 2025)
- John Gaston (2nd at Leadville 100 MTB in 2025)
- Keegan Swenson (Current leader in LTGP, course record holder and 5X champion at Leadville 100 MTB)

WOMEN (in order of call-up):

- Lauren Stephens (Currently 5th in the LTGP)
- Hayley Preen (Currently 4th in the LTGP)
- Rosa Kloser (Currently 3rd in the LTGP)
- Sarah Lange (5th at Leadville in 2025)
- Sofia Gomez Villafane (4th at Leadville & Currently leading the LTGP)
- Cecily Decker (3rd at Leadville in 2025)
- Melisa Rollins (2nd at Leadville in 2025)

LIFE TIME GRAND PRIX SCORING

BEST 5 OUT OF 6

- Participants must start 5 of the 6 events in order to be eligible for an overall prize
- Example – if you start only 4 events of the series, you are not eligible for Life Time Grand Prix prize money
- Athletes will be removed from the series as soon as they become ineligible for prize money, and will no longer be scored in the Life Time Grand Prix. If an athlete starts 5 but does not finish 5, they will be at a disadvantage for points, but may remain in the series
- Athletes who drop out, or become ineligible, are encouraged to participate in remaining events, but they will race in the Elite/Pro/Open category, not in the Life Time Grand Prix.

U23 ONLY

- U23 athletes are required to participate in either Sea Otter Classic and/or UNBOUND Gravel 100 Mile to be considered for the U23 program.
- The final athlete roster will be announced after the completion of UNBOUND
- The selected athletes must compete in at least 4 of the 6 Life Time Grand Prix events including either Sea Otter Classic or UNBOUND Gravel.

MANDATORY EVENT - BIG SUGAR GRAVEL

- The final event in the series, Life Time Big Sugar Gravel, will be mandatory for Life Time Grand Prix athletes and serve as a tiebreaker in the event of a tie on points.
- Big Sugar is not mandatory for U23 Athletes that have been selected for the series but will still remain as the tie breaker.

TIE BREAKER

- In the event of a tie, Big Sugar will serve as a tiebreaker.
- Example - Jim and Tim are tied after Big Sugar with 110 points, Jim was 8th and Tim was 12th at Big Sugar, therefore Jim will retain a higher ranking in the overall series.

AWARDS CEREMONY - REQUIRED

- All prize purse eligible athletes must attend the awards ceremony. This includes both event podiums and the overall 2026 Life Time Grand Prix awards ceremony.
- Athletes are required to have a podium photo with the Life Time assigned sponsor jersey provided by the event. An additional photo will also be taken with athletes' standard team issue apparel to satisfy their own sponsor commitments.

FAN ENGAGEMENTS (MIN. OF 2)

- All Life Time Grand Prix athletes must attend a minimum of 2 fan engagement activations throughout the season. More than 2 are encouraged.
- Fan engagement activations are pre or post-race events such as a spin out ride or autograph session that enable an interaction between fan and athlete. This abides in our collective goal to build and foster fandom around cycling in North America

DOPING CONTROL

- No participant in the Life Time Grand Prix can be under a current doping ban.
- All Pro and Grand Prix athletes are subject to random doping controls.
- If drug testing is taking place at an event, the selected athletes will be notified by a USADA chaperone at the finish line.

AWARDS/PRIZE PURSE

AWARDS - Life Time Grand Prix Riders - New Current Top 5 Series Leaders

- Life Time Grand Prix riders only
- Gun start and chip finish time will be used for both the men’s and women’s elite races.
- Life Time Grand Prix points will be awarded based upon their race finish within the LTGP field.
- Note - points will be recalculated after the conclusion UNBOUND Gravel to include the 3 newly selected Wild Card riders and their Sea Otter and UNBOUND results

AWARDS - Elite Men / Women - Award 5 Deep

- All Elite Men and Women athletes including Life Time Grand Prix riders
- All Elite Men and Women fields will be scored based on gun time and chip finish

PRIZE PURSE - ELITE MEN /ELITE WOMEN - 5 Deep

- There is a prize purse for Elite Men and Elite Women
- All athletes receiving payouts MUST ATTEND Elite awards (4:00 PM) to receive prize purse.
- All athletes receiving payouts will be required to fill out proper tax paperwork.
- Prize money checks will be mailed.
- Prize money may be held up to 45 days post-event pending Anti-Doping Control results.

PODIUMS

- **Elite Podiums will include the below at Leadville**
- **Broadcast Podiums -Top 5 overall on the day**
- Time: Immediately following broadcast athlete interviews with the top 3.
- Location: Awards stage at finish line. Life Time representatives will stage and walk over top 5 athletes from the Mix Zone.
- Note: This will be a quick podium ceremony for top 5 athletes on the day so we can include podium shots in the broadcast.
- **Official Leadville Trail 100 MTB Elite Podiums**
- Time: 4:00 pm
- Location: Awards stage in finish festival
- **Life Time Grand Prix Current Standings Podiums**
- Time 4:00 pm
- Location: Awards Stage in finish festival
- Note: This podium is for the **current top 5 LTGP series leaders** after the completion of Leadville. Athletes will be notified as soon as standing are updated.

LEADVILLE TRAIL 100 MTB PRIZE PURSE

Purse	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Pro Men	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000
Pro Women	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000

CONTENT/MEDIA

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Life Time Grand Prix dedicated photographer in 2026 will again be Dan Hughes. Dan will capture photos Life Time Grand Prix athletes will share a gallery of photos as soon as possible following the race. This is typically the same day or within 24 hours. Athletes should tag @dhughes101 and @lifetimegrandprix. Any additional third party use will need prior approval.

CONTENT HUB

Athletes will have access to a [Life Time Grand Prix content hub](#), where athletes will find photos and b-roll they can use for content on their own channels. Credit to @lifetimegrandprix is required for use.

MEDIA COVERAGE

To capture the best coverage of the race for social and post - production there will be media on course. Vehicles at UNBOUND Gravel will be limited to camera and safety motos. The approved operators will be experienced motorists, will maintain a safe distance to the riders and will not interfere in any way with the race. We will also continue media support from the air with the Helicopter again for the 2026 series.

LIVE RACE COVERAGE

The Life Time UNBOUNDGravel race will be streamed LIVE to the [Life Time Grand Prix YouTube Channel](#).

